Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device, comprising:

placing a mobile chat proxy server in a direct communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless gateway server, said wireless gateway server supporting said communications with a first mobile device and a second mobile device;

facilitating chat communications between wherein said mobile chat proxy server forwards chat commands from said first mobile device[[s]] to and said standard Internet Relay Chat server through said mobile chat proxy server; and

facilitating communications between said second mobile device and said standard Internet Relay Chat server while bypassing said mobile chat proxy server.

2. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said access includes participation in said channel by said first mobile device and said second mobile device.

3. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

at least one of said first mobile device and said second mobile device comprises a mobile telephone.

4. (original) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 3, wherein:

said mobile telephone is a mobile originated telephone with respect to said accessed channel of said Internet Relay Chat group.

5. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server interprets Internet Relay Chat commands from said first mobile device.

6. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications with said mobile device through an SMPP interface in a direction toward said first mobile device.

7. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications with said first mobile device through an Interworking Function (IWF) interface in a direction toward said first mobile device.

8. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, further comprising:

including a short message system controller between said mobile chat proxy server and said first mobile device.

9. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, further comprising:

including a wireless Internet gateway between said mobile chat proxy server and said first mobile device.

10. (original) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 8, further comprising:

including a wireless Internet gateway between said mobile chat proxy server and said short message system controller.

11. (original) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, further comprising:

summoning at least one other mobile device to join said Internet Relay Chat group.

12. (currently amended) A method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device, comprising:

placing a mobile chat proxy server in a communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless gateway server supporting said a first mobile device; and

ghosting said channel of said Internet Relay Chat group;

wherein said mobile chat proxy server forwards facilitating chat commands from communications between said first mobile device to and said standard Internet Relay Chat server through said mobile chat proxy server;

facilitating communications between said standard Internet Relay Chat server and a second mobile device while bypassing said mobile chat proxy server.

13. (withdrawn) A method of handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server, said method comprising:

examining non-standard chat group commands transmitted by a mobile device; and

forwarding standard chat group commands based on said non-standard chat group commands to said chat group server.

14. (withdrawn) The method of handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 13, wherein:

said chat group server is an IRC server.

15. (withdrawn) The method of handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 14, wherein:

said standard chat commands are standard IRC commands.

16. (withdrawn) The method of handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 14, wherein:

said non-standard chat commands are non-standard IRC commands.

17. (withdrawn) The method of handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 13, further comprising:

intercepting said chat group commands from said mobile device before reception by said chat group server.

18. (withdrawn) The method of handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 13, further comprising:

validating a user of said mobile device before forwarding said chat commands to said chat group server.

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19. (withdrawn) The method of handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 18, wherein:

said chat commands are IRC commands.

20. (currently amended) Apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device, comprising:

a mobile chat proxy server in a direct communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless gateway server, said wireless gateway server supporting said communications with a first mobile device and a second mobile device;

wherein said mobile chat proxy server forwards chat commands from said first mobile device to said standard Internet Relay Chat server, and said wireless gateway server forwards chat commands from said second mobile device to said standard Internet Relay Chat server while bypassing said mobile chat proxy server.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said access includes participation in said channel by at least one of said first mobile device and said second mobile device.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

at least one of said first mobile device and said second mobile device comprises a mobile telephone.

23. (original) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 22, wherein:

said mobile telephone is a mobile originated telephone with respect to said accessed channel of said Internet Relay Chat group.

24. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server interprets Internet Relay Chat commands from said <u>first</u> mobile device.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications with said <u>first</u> mobile device through an SMPP interface in a direction toward said <u>first</u> mobile device.

26. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications with said <u>first</u> mobile device through an Interworking Function (IWF) interface in a direction toward said <u>first</u> mobile device.

27. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 20, further comprising:

a short message system controller between said mobile chat proxy server and said <u>first</u> mobile device.

28. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 20, further comprising:

a wireless Internet gateway between said mobile chat proxy server and said <u>first</u> mobile device.

29. (original) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 27, further comprising:

a wireless Internet gateway between said mobile chat proxy server and said short message system controller.

30. (original) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 20, further comprising:

means for summoning at least one other mobile device to join said Internet Relay Chat group.

31. (currently amended) Apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device, comprising:

a mobile chat proxy server in a communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless gateway server supporting ~~said~~ a first mobile device;

means for ghosting said channel of said Internet Relay Chat group;

wherein said mobile chat proxy server <u>facilitates communicates</u> <u>between</u> ~~forwards chat commands from~~ said <u>first</u> mobile device ~~to~~ <u>and</u> said standard Internet Relay Chat server <u>and said wireless gateway server facilitates</u> <u>communications from a second mobile device to said standard Internet Relay</u> <u>Chat server while bypassing said mobile chat proxy server</u>.

32. (withdrawn) Apparatus for handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server, comprising:

means for examining non-standard chat group commands transmitted by a mobile device; and

means for forwarding standard chat group commands based on said non-standard chat group commands to said chat group server.

33. (withdrawn) The apparatus for handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 32, wherein said chat group server comprises:

an IRC server.

34. (withdrawn) The apparatus for handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 33, wherein:

said standard chat commands are standard IRC commands.

35. (withdrawn) The apparatus for handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 33, wherein:

said non-standard chat commands are non-standard IRC commands.

36. (withdrawn) The apparatus for handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 32, further comprising:

means for intercepting said chat group commands from said mobile device before reception by said chat group server.

37. (withdrawn) The apparatus for handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 32, further comprising:

means for validating a user of said mobile device before forwarding said chat commands to said chat group server.

38. (withdrawn) The apparatus for handling chat group commands between a mobile device and a chat group server according to claim 37, wherein:

said chat commands are IRC commands.

39. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device, comprising:

means for placing a mobile chat proxy server in a direct communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless gateway server, said wireless gateway server supporting said communications with a first mobile device and a second mobile device;

means for facilitating chat communications between wherein said mobile chat proxy server forwards chat commands from said first mobile device to and said standard Internet Relay Chat server through said mobile chat proxy server; and

means for facilitating communications between said standard Internet Relay Chat server and said second mobile device while bypassing said mobile chat proxy server.

40. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said access includes participation in said channel by <u>at least one of</u> said <u>first</u> mobile device <u>and said second mobile device</u>.

41. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

<u>at least one of</u> said <u>first</u> mobile device <u>and said second mobile device</u> comprises a mobile telephone.

42. (previously presented) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 41, wherein:

said mobile telephone is a mobile originated telephone with respect to said accessed channel of said Internet Relay Chat group.

43. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server interprets Internet Relay Chat commands from said <u>first</u> mobile device.

44. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications with said <u>first</u> mobile device through an SMPP interface in a direction toward said <u>first</u> mobile device.

45. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications with said first mobile device through an Interworking Function (IWF) interface in a direction toward said first mobile device.

46. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 1, further comprising:

including a short message system controller between said mobile chat proxy server and said first mobile device.

47. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 39, further comprising:

including a wireless Internet gateway between said mobile chat proxy server and said first mobile device.

48. (previously presented) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 46, further comprising:

including a wireless Internet gateway between said mobile chat proxy server and said short message system controller.

49. (previously presented) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device according to claim 39, further comprising:

summoning at least one other mobile device to join said Internet Relay Chat group.

50. (currently amended) An apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile device, comprising:

means for placing a mobile chat proxy server in a direct communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless gateway server, said wireless gateway server supporting ~~said~~ communications with a first mobile device and a second mobile device;

means for facilitating chat communications between ~~wherein said mobile chat proxy server forwards chat commands from~~ said first mobile device ~~to~~ and said standard Internet Relay Chat server through said mobile chat proxy server;

means for ghosting ~~and~~ said channel of said Internet Relay Chat group; and

means for facilitating communications between said standard Internet Relay Chat server and said second mobile device while bypassing said mobile chat proxy server ~~is ghosted~~.